

Basis for Amendments to the Claims

The basis for amending Claim 16 such that the BET surface area of the silica is less than or equal to 200 m²/g is contained on page 7, lines 9 - 11 of the specification.

Basis for the amendments to Claims 56 - 63 are contained on page 16, line 20 through page 17, line 20. A specific example of a process using this catalyst is also disclosed in Example 8, page 24 - 25 of the specification.

Applicants have also made a number of minor amendments to clarify the language of the claims or to correct obvious errors in Claims 16, 17, 35, and 49.

No new subject matter is introduced by any of these amendments to the claims.